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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. ENDO et al.  
Serial No.: 09/940,982  
Filed: August 29, 2001  
For: TAMPER RESISTANCE DEVICE  
Group: 2187  
Examiner: Z. Davis

**REPLY**

**MS AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 16, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 8, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

**A Terminal Disclaimer** is attached hereto.

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